

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-16, and 20-22 are canceled. Claims 26-28 are currently pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 11-16, and 20-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,309,975).

Response to Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

With regard to the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-8, 11-16, and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wu, applicant has canceled the claims to overcome the examiner's rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 9, and 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu and Nihonmatsu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,346,485).

Response to Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

With regard to the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-8, 11-16, and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu and Nihonmatsu, applicant has canceled the claims to overcome the examiner's rejection.

Allowable subject matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 26-28.

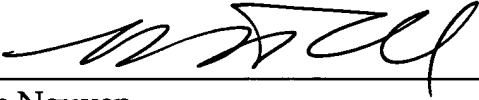
In conclusion, applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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